

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman, Committee on
Transportation & Infrastructure
2251 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member, Committee on
Transportation & Infrastructure
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves,

I am requesting funding for Proposed Midwest Medical Center Entrance and Highway Improvements in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the City of Galena and the project is located at US Route 20/IL Route 84 at Golf View Drive, Galena, Illinois, 61036.

The funding is designated for the relocation of the main entrance for the Midwest Medical Center from Norris Lane to the existing intersection of US Route 20/IL Route 84 at Golf View Drive. The new entrance will become a fourth approach to the existing intersection. Dedicated northbound and southbound left-turn lanes and a southbound right-turn lane will be constructed along US Route 20/IL Route 84 as part of this project.

The existing intersection at Golf View Drive has been the site of several crashes. The current design requires motorists wanting to turn left onto Golf View Drive to have to wait in the active travel lane, which is currently posted at 50-miles-per-hour. The speed differential results in a significant risk for severe injuries when crashes occur.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to have the following benefits: the proposed realignment and addition of dedicated turn lanes will remove waiting motorists from the active travel stream, improving safety for all users, while also providing more efficient access to the medical center.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Respectfully,

Cheri Bustos

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Member of Congress
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